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Letter dated 18 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the Declaration issued on 14 August 1992 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Venezuela concerning Venezuela's recognition of Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 20, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Diego ARRIA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Declaration issued on 14 August 1992 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela

The Government of Venezuela, in the light of the decision on sovereignty and independence adopted by the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the referendum held by the Parliament of that Republic, has decided to recognize the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a sovereign and independent State.

In recognizing the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as sovereign and independent, the Government of Venezuela is acting in accordance with its traditional commitment to respect the rights of peoples to self-determination and national independence, sovereignty and identity.

The Venezuelan Government intends to establish, at its earliest convenience, diplomatic relations with the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.